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INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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Community Radio Service
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has planned to start any community radio service for the tribal communities across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States in which the said radio service has been /is likely to be started ; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING [COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]

(a) & (b) Permission to set up Community Radio Station (CRS) is granted under the Policy Guidelines for setting up of Community Radio Stations in India, issued in the year 2006. These guidelines are available at Ministry''s website, www.mib.nic.in. Eligible organizations can apply for permission to set up CRS at any time in any part of the country including organizations working for tribal communities. Permission is granted, subject to fulfillment of eligibility criteria and receipt of clearances from Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Wireless Planning and Coordination Wing of Ministry of Communication & IT, Ministry of Human Resource Development and Ministry of Agriculture and, as the case may be.

Ministry is organizing awareness workshops in districts where no CRS exist i.e. CR dark districts. Organisations working in CR dark districts are invited in these workshops to ensure that Community Radio stations are set up in such areas.

(c) & (d) At present 201 Community Radio Stations are operational across the country. State/UT-wise details are at Annexure.

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